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AMCONSUL PORT SAID SENDS

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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL CONVOY SYSTEM

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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT, SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY (SCA), TOLD ME DURING CALL AT HIS OFFICE THAT SCA HAD DEFINITELY DECIDED NOT TO REINSTITUTE THE PRE-1967 THREE CONVOY SYSTEM UNTIL EXPANSION OF BALLAH BY-PASS, 50 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PORT SAID, IS COMPLETED SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. AT PRESENT, BALLAH CAN ACCOMODATE ONLY SMALL TONNAGE VESSELS AND IS EFFECTIVELY CLOSED DUE TO INCREASE IN AVERAGE TONNAGE OF TRANSITING CRAFT. WITH EXPANSION, BALLAH WILL TAKE VESSELS OF SUPER SHIP CLASS AND MAKE THREE CONVOY SYSTEM FEASIBLE.

2. THIS CONFIRMS INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFTTEL, THOUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHOUT ADDED EMBELLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

AND LACK OF TRAINED PILOTS. IN ANY CASE, THE THREE CONVOY
SYSTEM SEEMS TO BE A DEAD ISSUE THIS YEAR. SIGNED SURBER.
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